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SUBJECT The Nicaraguan Rebellion and the CIA

ANNOUNCER: From Washington, Crossfire. Tonight, the Nicaraguan rebellion and the CIA. The host for Crossfire, on the left, sitting in for Tom Braden, Joe Rauh. On the right, Pat Buchanan. In the crossfire, Adolfo Calero, Nicaraguan rebel leader.

PAT BUCHANAN: Last week's political firestorm in Washington involved a sharp Senate rebuke to the President of the United States and a threat to terminate all covert funding of the Nicaraguan rebels known as the Contras. The reason? Senate anger over CIA involvement in the rebel mining of Nicaragua's ports.

Tonight's guest is the supreme commander of the Contras, the President of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force.

JOSEPH RAUH: Well, Mr. Calero, I'm an old American liberal that's fought communists on the left and fascists on the right. Now, your Nicaraguan Democratic Front accepts support, you have people in your movement who were in the old Somoza regime. I know you weren't, but you have people in there that were.

Isn't it a fact that the old Somoza regime, the old fascist regime was far worse than the Sandinista Marxist crowd?

ADOLFO CALERO: Well, I wish it had been, because we would have a lot better regime than we have now, in as far as having the Somozistas in our midst. Somoza's dead.

RAUH: Yeah, but you've got a lot of their old people with you now. All the reporters have said that.